

- (2) the budget committees have reviewed and commented on the report or 45 days have elapsed from the date the committees received the report.

SECTION 48. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation for M00A01.01 – Executive Direction, and \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation for N00A01.01 – Office of the Secretary, and \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation for V00D01.01 – Office of the Secretary may not be expended until:

- (1) the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, and Juvenile Services, in consultation with the Governor's Office for Children, submit a report to the budget committees by October 1, 2006, proposing an appropriate ratio of licensing and monitoring staff to group homes for children licensed by each department. The report shall:
- (a) list, for each agency, the total number of annual routine inspections required based on the number of group homes licensed multiplied by the number of inspections per home required by statute and/or regulation;
 - (b) provide an estimate, for each agency, of the number of additional inspections which may be required in order to follow up with reported problems or problems identified in the course of routine inspections;
 - (c) list, by agency, the average number of staff hours required to perform all routine inspections for one facility;
 - (d) review the current number of group home licensing and monitoring staff in each department;
 - (e) specify the number of budgeted positions, the personnel classifications, and the number of vacancies among licensing and monitoring staff assigned to group homes for children in each department;
 - (f) propose a ratio of group home licensing and monitoring staff to licensed group homes for children that will help to ensure that all group home licensing and monitoring laws and regulations will be fully enforced in a timely manner; and
 - (g) identify the number of additional licensing and monitoring staff that would be required to meet the proposed ratio and whether any current staff could be reassigned for this function; and
- (2) the budget committees have reviewed and commented on the report or 45 days have elapsed from the date the committees received the report.

SECTION 49. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That to provide funding for the reclassification of positions currently in grades 1 through 4 to grade 5 or above and to provide compensation for employees affected as provided for in that grade, the following funds shall be restricted to be used only for that purpose: